

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Lucy R. Wilson

PERSON

Wilson, Lucy R., 1930-

**Alternative Names:** Lucy R. Wilson;

**Life Dates:** September 23, 1930-

**Place of Birth:** Hartsville, South Carolina, USA

**Residence:** Chesapeake, VA

**Occupations:** Academic Administrator

## Biographical Note

Educational Administrator Lucy Wilson was born on September 23, 1930 in Hartsville, South Carolina. She received her B.S. degree cum laude from South Carolina State College in Orangeburg in 1951 and her M.S. degree in guidance and counseling from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1954. After completing her M.S. degree, Wilson served as the dean of women at Albany State College in Georgia from 1954 to 1956. While serving as a dean of students, her continuing studies were funded by the Danforth Foundation. Consequently, she received her Ed.D. degree in guidance and counseling in 1960.

She then returned to Orangeburg, South Carolina where she worked as the dean of students at Claflin College from 1956 through 1962. After completing her doctorate, Wilson was hired as the assistant program director for guidance services in the Department of Education and Testing Services at Princeton University from 1962 through 1967. In addition, Wilson was a professor of psychology at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana from 1964 through 1967. She then became the Director of Adult Services at the Tennessee Mental Health Department in Nashville, Tennessee until 1975. Since then, Wilson has served as the Associate Dean for the Darden School of Education at Old Dominion University. Over the years, Wilson has worked as a consultant for Princeton University, the Department of Health, Education, & Welfare and the Portsmouth Public School System in Virginia.

Wilson also serves on a number of community boards and has long been involved in service organizations. From 1975 to 1977, Wilson served as an Area Director for the National March of Dimes. She also served as the Chairperson for the Human Sexuality Task Force and sits on the board of directors for the Planning Council of Tidewater (Virginia).

Wilson is married to former Norfolk State University president Harrison Wilson and they have six children: April, Jennifer, Richard, John, Harrison, and Benjamin.

Lucy Wilson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on May 11, 2010.

## Related Entries

**Butler High School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**diploma**

**Butler Elementary School** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**South Carolina State University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Bachelors**

**Indiana University** [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Masters and PhD**

**South Carolina State University** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Secretary**

**Veteran's Administration** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Claflin University** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Dean of Student Services**

**Lincoln High School** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Secretary**

**Southern University and A&M College System** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Professor**

**Norfolk State University** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Director of Guidance and Counseling**

**Old Dominion University** [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

**Professor**

**Old Dominion University** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Director of the School of Public Services**

**Old Dominion University** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Associate Vice President for Student Services**

**Albany State University** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1954 to 1956]

**Dean of Women**

**Tennessee State University** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1967 to 1969]

**Professor**

**University of Tennessee** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1969 to 1971]

**Professor**

**Tennessee Mental Health Department** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1971 to 1975]

**Director of Adult Services**

**Norfolk State University** [EMPLOYEEOf]  
[from 1975 to 1975]

**Professor**

**The Planning Council** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Board Member**

**Norfolk Public Schools** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Board Chair**

**March of Dimes** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Chair**

**The Links, Inc** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

**Links to Success facilitator**

**American Psychological Association** [MEMBEROf]  
[from ? to ?]

